THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.24031 OF 2005

Date:29.11.2005

Between:

P.Srinivasa Rao

… Petitioner

AND

A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., and others

… Respondents

ORDER:

The petitioner was awarded a contract of transporting essential commodities from MLS point to the fair price shops in the Mandals of Miryalaguda, Vemulapally, Tripuraram, Neredcherla and Domalacherla of Nalgonda District for the period from 05.06.2003 to 31.05.2005. He stated that substantial amount payable to him is withheld, particularly, for the period from November 2004 to February 2005. He made a representation, dated 28.09.2005, to respondents 1 and 2 in this regard. His grievance is that no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents.

The petitioner contends that he is entitled to be paid substantial sums towards the bills under the transport contract. He has also pointed out that a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) deposited towards security and another sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) furnished in the form of bank guarantee, have not been released. The question as to whether the petitioner performed his contract in accordance with the terms thereof, needs to be verified by the respondents. Once the period of contract is over, all the matters between the parties thereto, need to be

settled at the earliest. The representation of the petitioner cannot be kept unattended to for an unduly long period.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of directing respondents 1 and 2 to pass appropriate order on the representation, dated 28.09.2005, submitted by the petitioner, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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29.11.2005

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